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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:

where:

n, m and o are, independently, an integer from 1 to about 4;

X is CH₂, nitrogen (N(R⁴)), oxygen or sulfur;

Y is hydrogen, hydroxyl, =O (carbonyl), $N(R^4)(R^5)$, or =S;

R¹ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a protective group;

R² is an active group such as an activated ester, a carboxylic acid, an alkyl isothiocyanate, an aromatic isothiocyanate or a leaving group;

R³ is hydrogen or a protective group;

R⁴ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a protective group; and

R⁵ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a protective group;

2. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the activated ester is:

3. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the carboxylic acid group is:

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4. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the isothiocyanato group is:

5. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein R³ is hydrogen or a protective group that is:

- 6. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein the protective group is tert-butoxycarbonyl or benzyloxycarbonyl.
- 7. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein n is equal to 1 or 2 and m is equal to 1 or 2.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein:

n or m or o is 1 or 2;

X is nitrogen $(N(R^4))$ or oxygen;

Y is hydrogen or =O (carbonyl);

R¹ is hydrogen or methyl;

 R^2 is an activated ester such as p-nitrophenyl ester;

R³ is hydrogen or tert-butyldiphenylsilyl; and

R⁴ is methyl, ethyl, propyl or butyl.

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9. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
OR^{3} \\
O & & \\
N & R^{1} & R^{1} \\
\downarrow & & \\
N & OR^{3} \\
R^{2} & & \\
N & OR^{3} \\
\downarrow & & \\
N & OR^{3} \\
O & & \\
R^{3}O & & \\
R^{1}
\end{array}$$

where:

n, m and o are, independently, an integer from 1 to about 4;

X is CH₂, nitrogen (N(R⁴)), oxygen or sulfur;

Y is hydrogen, -OH (hydroxyl), =O (carbonyl), N(R⁴)(R⁵), or =S;

R¹ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a protective group;

R² is an active group such as an activated ester, a carboxylic acid, an alkyl isothiocyanate, an aromatic isothiocyanate or a leaving group;

R³ is hydrogen or a protective group;

 R^4 is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a protective group; and

R⁵ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a protective group;

10. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 9 wherein the activated ester is:

11. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 9 wherein the carboxylic acid group is:

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12. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 9 wherein the isothiocyanato group is:

$$N=C=S$$
 or $N=C=S$ or $N=C=S$

13. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 9 wherein R³ is hydrogen or a protective group which is:

- 14. (Original) The compound of claim 9, wherein the protecting group is tert-butoxycarbonyl or benzyloxycarbonyl.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 9 wherein:

n or m or o is 1 or 2;

X is nitrogen (N(R⁴)) or oxygen;

Y is hydrogen or =O (carbonyl);

R¹ is hydrogen or methyl;

R² is an actived ester such as p-nitrophenyl ester;

R³ is hydrogen or tert-butyldiphenylsilyl; and

R⁴ is methyl, ethyl, propyl or butyl;

16. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:

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$$Z^{2}$$

$$Z^{1}$$

$$N \longrightarrow N$$

$$N \longrightarrow$$

where n, m and o are, independently, an integer from 1 to about 4;

X is CH₂, nitrogen (N(R⁴)), oxygen or sulfur;

Y is hydrogen, -OH (hydroxyl), =O (carbonyl), $N(R^4)(R^5)$, or =S;

R¹ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a protective group;

R² is an active group such as an activated ester, a carboxylic acid, or a leaving group;

R³ is hydrogen or a protective group;

R⁴ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a protective group;

R⁵ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a protective group;

 Z^1 is hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur $N(R^4)(R^5)$, -OH, =O, or =S; and

 Z^2 is hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur $N(R^4)(R^5)$, -OH, =O, or =S.

17. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 16 wherein the activated ester is selected from the group comprising:

18. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 16 wherein the carboxylic acid group is:

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19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 16 wherein R³ is hydrogen or a suitable protective group which is:

21. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 16 wherein the protective group is tert-butoxycarbonyl or benzyloxycarbonyl- or

22. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 16 wherein:

n or m or o is 1 or 2;

X is nitrogen $(N(R^4))$ or oxygen;

Y is hydrogen or =O (carbonyl);

R¹ is hydrogen or methyl;

R² is an activated ester such as p-nitrophenyl ester;

R³ is hydrogen or tert-butyldiphenylsilyl;

R⁴ is methyl, ethyl, propyl or butyl;

Z¹ is oxygen (phenol) <u>-OH</u>; <u>and</u>

Z² is hydrogen or oxygen (phenol); <u>-OH.</u>

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23. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1

in free or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form and one or more pharmaceutically

acceptable carriers or diluents.

24. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 9

in free or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form and one or more pharmaceutically

acceptable carriers or diluents.

25. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 16

in free or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form and one or more pharmaceutically

acceptable carriers or diluents.

26. (Original) A method comprising administering to an animal a compound of claim 1

complexed with a radionuclide.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26 further comprising detecting said radionuclide in said

animal.

28. (Original) A method comprising administering to an animal a compound of claim 9

complexed with a radionuclide.

29. (Original) A method comprising administering to an animal a compound of claim 16

complexed with a radionuclide.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30 34 further comprising the step of

detecting said radionuclide in said animal.

32. (Canceled)

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33. (Canceled)

34. (New) A method comprising administering to an animal in need thereof a compound according to claim 1 complexed with a radionuclide.

- 35. (New) A method comprising administering to an animal in need thereof a compound according to claim 9 complexed with a radionuclide.
- 36. (New) A method comprising administering to an animal in need thereof a compound according to claim 16 complexed with a radionuclide.